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Alburgh 13th May, 1794—

May it pleaſe your Excellency,—

The Repeated injuries & inſults this vicinity has ſuffered from the British, while in a time of peace, and within ye Jurisdiction of this State, are ſo glaring; & ſo very frequently as to rouse the indignation of every one who has the ſmallest tincture of Republican Blood, circulating in his Veins.— The peculiar ſituation of my buſineſs, being in the merchantile line, & conſequently having much neceſsary call to paſs ye Lake Champlain up & down, as well as acroſs, ſubjects myſelf to daily abuses from an Armed Veſsel — & my property to an unjustifiable ſeizure & detention.— I am not ſuffered to paſs Southward to Iſle-la-Motte — because they alledge I am within their lines, & apply to the Ship, for liberty. Neither am I allowed to paſs to Or from, St. Johns, altho within their lines — So I am deprived of every advantage a citizen of every State ought to enjoy, as your Excellency will be pleased to obſerve.— I have ſubmitted this imperfect Sketch of our affairs, to your inspection — as alſo ſome affidavits, respecting particular treatment on the 12th Inst.— I wait your Excellencys instructions and commands — & do myſelf ~~myſelf~~ the honor to inform, that nothing but true love to my Country should be ſufficient to tempt me to invade your leiſure — The more minute & [illegible]
—Sons—

=sons — as to our situation. The posts & ship — your Excellency — can be Informed by Colll. Pearl & several other Gentlemen of respectability at Burlington; who are perfectly acquainted therewith — & after your Excellency — shall be fully acquainted with our situation & Insults — I have not the least doubt of Idea — but your first attention will be drawn to our relief, — In the meantime I am D Sir with the Utmost due respect & Obedt. & Very Humble Servt. —

Royal Corbin

Honourable his Excellency Thomas Chittenden —

The Honourable His Excellency
Thomas Chittenden Esqr
State Vermont

By Brigr Genl
[illegible] Paul

Extract of a letter from John Jay Esq
Envoy of the U.S dated London 12th July 1794

We had an informal Conversation relative to & Simcoes hostile measure We concurred in Opinion that during the present negotiatiation & untill the conclusion of it all things ought to remain & be preserved in State quo- that therefore both parties should continue to hold their Possessions & that all Encroachments on either side should be done away - that all hostile measures (If any such should have taken place) shall cease & that in case it should unfortunately have happened that prisoners or Property should have been taken the Prisoners shall be released & the Property restored. And we have agreed, That both Governments shall immedi-ately give orders & instructions accordingly

Department of State 19th Sept 1794

I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from the original letter from Mr Jay to the Secretary of State.

(Signed) Geo. Taylor Junr
Chief Clerk

Compared with the ~~original~~ official Extract
Jno Stagg Junr Chf Clk W.D

War Department
Octr 7 1794

Sir

I have the honour to transmit your Excellency the extract of a letter from Mr Jay dated London 12 of July 1794, with a request in behalf of the President of the United States that the agreement which it specifies should be duly observed as it respects the frontiers of Vermont.

The status quo as it existed immediately after ~~the~~ peace of 1783 is to be inviolably observed. All encroachments since that period are to be abandoned.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Excellency's
Obedient Servant
H Knox
Secy of war

His Excellency
the Governor of the State
of Vermont

Rutland October 10th 1794

Sir

I take the liberty of enclosing a transcript from the journal of the Senate of the United States of the 7th of November 1791 by which you will perceive, that the seat I have the honour to hold in the Senate will be vacant on the 4th Day of March next —

I need not mention the importance of its being early communicated to the legislature, to enable them seasonably to make such provision for filling the Office as the Exigence of public affairs in their opinion may require —

I have the honour to be with the Greatest Respect
Your Excellency's
Most Obedient
and very Humble Servant
Stephen R Bradley

His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esqr
Govr of Vt —

To the Honourable the General Aſsembly of the State of Vermont,

Gentlemen,

At the time of my retiring from the office of Chief Juſtice of this State, I beg to be permitted to expreſs to the Legiſlature the ſenſe which I have of the honour that has been repeatedly done me in being appointed ſo often to that office. I am fully ſenſible of the right of the honourable Aſsembly to appoint any perſon they think proper at the head of the judiciary Department: and do not at all call in queſtion the wiſdom or propriety of the appointments which they have made. at the ſame time I cannot but expreſs a conſciouſneſs of the moſt upright intentions and views in the diſcharge of every part of the duty of that important office: And I am happy to find upon the moſt careful enquiries which I can make that the people of this State have not complained that any part of my official conduct has appeared unto them, to deviate from the ſtricteſt rules of Juſtice, equity or propriety; theſe conſiderations afford me greater ſatiſfaction than the emoluments of any office whatſoever —

upon ~~retaining~~ retiring from the publick buſineſs of the State, you will give me leave to expreſs the moſt ardent wiſhes that the Legiſlature may at all times be guided by the Spirit of wiſdom in the appointment of all their judiciary and executive officers: That the Courts of Juſtice may always remain pure and uncorrupted, in Adminiſtering Juſtice to this people: and that the people may continue to enjoy the bleſsings of freedom and good Government to the lateſt poſterity —

Rutland Octr 15th 1794.

Samuel Knight

No. 12.

His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esquire

Governor of the State of Vermont

Addreſs of the Honble
Saml Knight Esqr late
Chief Justice of the Su-
preme Court.
Entered in the minutes.

Rutland Octob.r 15th 1794.

Sir —

I feel deeply impreſsed with a Sense of the Honor done me in my appointment as a Senator in the Congreſs of the United States —— When I compare my Opportunities for information & my abilities with the importance of the Trust, It might be thought, that Modesty would induce me to decline the undertaking ——— I have endeavored from every circumstance to collect what my duty is — The result has been, (& that more from the General Wish of the Legislature than from any other circumstance) that I have concluded to accept the Appointment —

I dare make no promises, but I cannot but hope that the lively impreſsions I now feel, will on all occasions produce an uniform Zeal for the Welfare of this and the United States ——

I will only add on this Head, that the consideration that my Fellow Citizens of Vermont are so uniformly attached to peace and good Order & are so capable of distinguishing between real & immaginary evils, will at all times afford me the highest satisfaction. As I accept this Appointment, it will now become neceſsary for me to resign the Office I have for several years past sustained as Judge of the Supreme Court —

Give me leave to aſsure your Excellency that my frequent reappointments to that Office, have afforded me the most pleasing satisfactory evidence of the approbation of my Fellow Citizens — Your Excellency will be pleased to communicate these my Sentiments to the Council & General Aſsembly Towards whom together with your Excellency I remain with Sentiments of the most perfect Esteem —

His Excelly Thos Chittenden (Signed) Elijah Paine

Sir

I have for nearly twenty years served my
try in the Military department - I am now
so far advanced in life, that I wish for
leave to resign my office as Brigadier
General in the Second Brigade & fourth
Division of Militia —

I think Sir it would be for the interest
of the Brigade which I have the honor
to command that I should resign at this
time - I therefore request your Excellency
that you would be pleased to accept
of it —

I have the honor to be your
Excellency's most obedient
& humble servant

Rutland Octr 18th 1794

Israel Morey

His Excellency Thomas Chittenden —

In Council October 15th 1794.
A true Copy examined pr Resolve of Council
Attest. Jno Hay D Secy

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Ruttland October the 20 D 1794

his Excellencey the Govener Commander in Chief was Pleased to accept ~~the~~ Genl Moreys Resignation without & orderd the same to be Communicated to the House Attest Truman Squier Secy

His Excellency Thomas Chittenden

General
Israel Morey
Resignation
to his Excellency

Rutland Octr 29th 1794.

Sir

through you I would communicate to the Honble House that I have this day appeared before his Excellency and taken the Oath of Office as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court in this State agreeable to my appointment —

I would further communicate to the Honble House the high Sense I feel for the Honor conferred on me in the appointment. – I feel Sir as if the Lives, Liberties and property of my fellow citizens to be ~~are~~ in some Degree committed to my charge. – I feel it Sir as a heavy Charge - but hope by the aide and guidance of Divine providence & by the good counsel of my fellow citizens ~~I may~~ be enabled to discharge the Duties of the Office to Genl. Satisfaction —

I am Sir with Esteem your most
Obedt. and Humbl. Servt.

Enoch Woodbridge

The Honble Danl. Buck Speaker

Mr Speaker,

With ſome labour and expence I have compoſed the natural and civil hiſtory of Vermont. I wiſh it may prove uſeful and acceptable to the people of this State: and I beg leave to preſent a Volume to the honourable the General Aſsembly of their Repreſentatives.

Will you Sir, do me the favour to preſent the incloſed to the Aſsembly; with my moſt ardent wiſhes for their proſperity, and the proſperity of the people they repreſent.

I am, Sir,

With much reſpect,

Your moſt obedient

humble Servant,

Samuel Williams.

Rutland Oct. 6. 1795.

Gentlemen, Representatives,

I have received a meſsage from you informing, that I am elected to serve you as Chaplain during the present Seſsion. I am willing to serve you in this capacity until Saturday a week from to day. Whether I can consistently serve you longer I am unable at present to determine; but will determine, & give you information, before the time specified is expired.

With grateful acknowledgements of your respect manifested, I am your humble servant

Asa Burton

Windsor October 10th 1795.

Lewis M Morris, Speaker
of the house
of Assembly.

Gentleman of the house of Representatives, You will recollect that I consented to serve you as Chaplain to this day. — I have agreed with a Gentleman to supply my Pulpit on the Sabbath — have, therefore, concluded to continue my service as Chaplain the present seſsion. — I am with due respect yours

Aſa Burton.

Windsor October 17th 1795.

To his Excellence the Governer the Honble Council & Houſe of Repreſentives now Siting

Having Received Information that you have done me the Honor of releeting [illegible] an Aſsestant Judge of the County Court for the County of Addiſon.— I take the earliest oppertunity to inform you that I decline Serving in that Office.— At the Same time I am far from being inſensible of the Honor you have Confered on me by this laſt testimony of your Approbation, and Shall ever hold in remembrance the Repeated inſtances in which you have heretofore done me the Honor of appointing me to the Offices Which I have Sustaind Sence I have been an Inhabitant of this Government— For which You will please to accept the warmeſt Acknowledgments Of your Moſt Obedient and Devoted Humble

Servt Gam Painter

Windſor ~~Middlebury~~ Octr 20th 1795.

In Council Octr the 20 Day AD 1795 the within Letter of Resignation from the Honble Gamaliel Painter Esqr was Read & Ordered ~~that the same~~ to be sent to the House for their Information

Attest Truman Squier Secty

G Painters Resignation

~~17th Octr 1795~~

Sir

I am Directed by his Excellency the Governor to inform the House of Assembly that there is three Vacancies to be filled in the Military Line Viz that of the Major General in the first Division, & that of Brigadr General in the first Brigade in said first Division & that of a Brigadier General in the first Brigade in the Second Division of the Militia of this State ——

By his Excellency Command
Truman Squier Secretary

To the Speaker of the House of Assembly

Official —

The ~~Official~~
Governors
Official Communications
to the
Speaker of the
House of Assembly